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DWR RELEASES DRAFT EIR FOR NORTH DELTA FLOOD CONTROL AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the North Delta Flood Control and Ecosystem Restoration Project.

This project will implement flood control improvements principally on and around Staten Island, Dead Horse Island, and McCormack-Williamson Tract in a manner that benefits aquatic and terrestrial habitats, species, and ecological processes.

Flood control improvements are needed to reduce damage to land uses, infrastructure, and the Bay-Delta ecosystem. Such damage results from overflows caused by insufficient channel capacities and catastrophic levee failures in the project study area.

The Draft EIR also discusses the project alternatives and potential areas of controversy and concern.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available by contacting Matt Reeve at (916) 651-7014 or mreeve@water.ca.gov.

The document may also be reviewed at <http://www.dfm.water.ca.gov/dsmo/northdelta/documents.htm> and at the following libraries:

Walnut Grove Library
14177 Market Street
Walnut Grove, CA

Elk Grove Library
8962 Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove, CA

Thornton Branch Library
26341 N. Thornton Road
Thornton, CA

Sacramento Public Library
828 I Street
Sacramento, CA

A public hearing has been scheduled to allow comment on the Draft EIR:

February 21, 2008
10 a.m.- noon
Jean Harvey Community Center
4273 River Road
Walnut Grove

Comment period: January 28 – March 28, 2008

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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